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SUBJ: TRAINING - TREATMENT OF ALCOHOLISM

1. MISSION WOULD APPRECIATE INFORMATION RE POSSIBILITY OF SETTING UP THREE TO FOUR WEEK OBSERVATION VISIT FOR LEADERS OF CHILEAN UNION FOR REHABILITATION OF ALCOHOLICS. THIS ORGANIZATION MAINTAINS SOME 160 ALCHOL-FREE SOCIAL CENTERS THROUGHOUT CHILE FOR REHABILITATION OF ALCOHOLICS. IN THIS SENSE IT WORKS DIFFERENTLY FROM ALCOHOLICS ANYNYMOUS IN THE U.S. AND GENERALLY DEALS WITH LOWER INCOME GROUPS.

2. MISSION WOULD HAVE IN MIND VISIT TO VARIETY OF ORGANIZATIONS WORKING IN TREATMENT OF ALCOHOLISM, PREFERABLY IN SPANISH SPEAKING AREAS OF U.S. (NEITHER MEMBER OF PROPOSED TWO MAN VISITING TEAM SPEAKS ENGLISH).

3. PROBLEM OF ALCOHOLISM IN CHILE IS ONE OF MAJOR PROPORTIONS HAVING AN IMPORTANT EFFECT ON FAMILIES AND DEVELOPMENT, ESPECIALLY IN RURAL AREAS WHERE MAJORITY OF THESE CENTERS ARE LOCATED.

4. IF PROGRAM CAN BE ARRANGED ONLY WITH ASSISTANCE OF INTERPRETER, MISSION COULD ARRANGE FOR TWO LEADERS TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY AMERICAN PRIEST WHO WORKS WITH ORGANIZATION. THIS PROGRAM, HOWEVER, WOULD HAVE TO BE ARRANGED FOR MONTH OF FEBRUARY. IT WOULD ALSO BE SOMEWAHT MORE EXPENSIVE.

5. PLEASE ADVISE ASAP.
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